

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, John Vucurevich was born in Yugoslavia in 1912 and immigrated to the United States at the age of eight with his family to Lead, South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, John is the father of two children: Tom and Susan, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, John began working as a chauffeur and continued his hard work ethic until he owned more than 40 banks in five states, also earning two honorary doctorates and serving in the South Dakota legislature for 10 years. John was recognized as the South Dakotan of the Year by the University of South Dakota's School of Business in 1977; and,

*Whereas*, John has given generously of his time and talents to support his community and organizations such as the Boys Club of Rapid City, Youth and Family Services, YMCA of Rapid City, and Children's Care Hospital and School. In 1985, he established the John T. Vucurevich Foundation and was honored with the South Dakota Philanthropist of the Year Award; and,

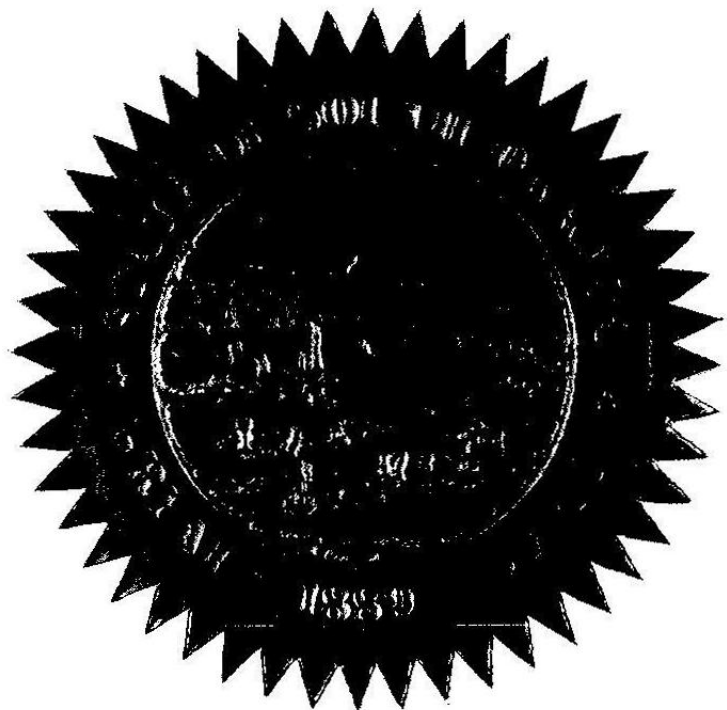
*Whereas*, John has devoted his life to the betterment of his community, the caring and sharing with family and friends, and the day-to-day giving and loving which make South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 6, 2005, as

## *JOHN T. VUCUREVICH DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State